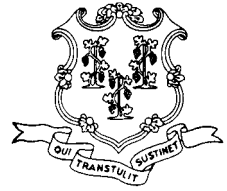




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State Police Respond to Bomb Threat at Bridgeport Courthouses

On 03/26/04, at approximately 9:30 am, the Bridgeport Superior Court, located on 172 Golden Hill Street, received a telephone call from what is believed to be a female caller threatening an explosion at that Courthouse, as well as two others. Subsequently, the Bridgeport Superior Court, Bridgeport Part A Superior Court (1060 Main Street) and the Bridgeport Federal Courthouse (located on the corner of Lafayette Street and State Street) were all evacuated. The Connecticut State Police and Federal Officials are presently on scene, as the Connecticut State Police Bomb Squad secures each facility. Bridgeport Police Department, Connecticut State Police and the Department of Corrections will maintained the security of prisoners, awaiting court appearances, until such time that the courts reopen.

This threat is being investigated by the Western District Major Crime Squad. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Connecticut State Police at 203-696-2500 or 203-696-2569.

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